Title: Rendezvous with Rama

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Summary

In chapter 7, the astronauts go further into the large structure called Rama. Rama is becoming warmer because it is heading closer to the Sun. Some of the people on Earth think that hurricanes will occur in Rama because the water in the structure is melting very quickly. Palmer decides to risk it and they stay at a base camp near the center of Rama. The winds become stronger so they decide to head back to the ship. They have to wait 2 days before they can go back inside Rama.

3 Questions

1. Does the water contain any life forms?
2. How hot will Rama become?
3. Are the astronauts scared of going back inside Rama?

Response

I think the writer is trying to tell me that humans react to danger in different ways. The politicians on Earth are very worried about hurricanes in the structure, but the astronauts aren’t. Palmer is probably too excited to worry about what might be dangerous. Human nature is probably that way. Sometimes something is worth the risk, but if you don’t understand how great something can be, like the politicians on Earth, you are very careful. The author is trying to tell us that sometimes we have to take a risk if it is worth it.